



BIOGRAPHY

MAJOR GENERAL ANTONIO J. PINEDA

Maj. Gen. Antonio J. Pineda is the National Commander of the all-volunteer Civil Air Patrol, a federally chartered nonprofit corporation and the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force headquartered at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Maj. Gen. Pineda's primary duty is to lead CAP's 60,000-plus volunteers in fulfillment of the organization's three congressionally chartered missions: Emergency Services, Cadet Programs and Aerospace Education, as well as CAP's increasing role in America's homeland security.

Maj. Gen. Pineda is also vice chairman of the CAP Board of Governors and a member of the CAP National Board — CAP's governing and advisory bodies.

Maj. Gen. Pineda began his CAP career as a senior member of Florida Wing's West Broward Composite Squadron when he and his son, Robert, joined in 1988. Since then, he has served at all command levels up to his current assignment as National Commander.



Maj. Gen. Pineda has completed all levels of the CAP Senior Training Program, having received the Garber, Loening, Yeager and Wilson awards. He has attended both the Southeast Region Staff College and National Staff College, and is a graduate of the National Commanders Course and Air Force Air Command and Staff College.

Maj. Gen. Pineda's CAP awards include numerous Meritorious and Exceptional Service awards for his service as both a squadron and group commander. He received the Distinguished Service Medal for his service as both the Florida Wing and Southeast Region Commander. He has also received CAP's highest senior member academic award — the Gill Rob Wilson Award.

Maj. Gen. Pineda holds an associate degree in police science and criminology from Miami Dade Junior College, a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Florida International University, and has completed numerous specialized courses in law and criminal justice. Maj. Gen. Pineda also holds a Federal Aviation Administration private pilot license.

Maj. Gen. Pineda began his professional career in 1972 as a police officer and later a detective with the Hollywood (Fla.) Police Department. In 1980, he became a Special Agent with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, where he is currently a Senior Agent. As a Special Agent, he was a Special Task Force Leader dealing with youth gangs. He also has been a supervisor of numerous special investigation teams.

Maj. Gen. Pineda is married to the former Rosemarie Helfen. He and his wife have three children — Robert, Kevin and Jennifer.